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Please cancel Claims 14 and 15 as non-elected.

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16. The composite structural member of Claim 1 wherein said core and said structural skins are adhesively bonded by application of heat to either the skin or the core or both sufficient to bond the skin to the core in the absence of a separate adhesive layer.

17. The composite structure member of Claim 1 wherein said core and said structural skins are adhesively bonded by molding directly to fiber reinforced plastic in an uncured state and then curing the fiber reinforced plastic.

18. The composite structural member of Claim 4 in the absence of a separate adhesive layer between said structural skin and said core.

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